

SPAIN EXPECTS WAR

The Army Organ Says This Impression Prevails.

COURT OF INQUIRY NOW AT KEY WEST

After Continuing Its Work There It Will Probably Return Soon to Havana. Uncle Sam Accused of Adopting Spanish Policy of Delay.

MADRID, Feb. 28.—Senor Sagasta, commenting upon an alleged interview with Prince Bismarck, in which the latter is represented as suggesting that the Cuban trouble should be submitted to the powers for arbitration, expressed his astonishment that such an idea could emanate from Prince Bismarck and declared emphatically that "nothing but ignorance of the question could inspire the notion that Spain would suffer foreign intrusion or submit to arbitration her indisputable rights of sovereignty." "Nobody," said the Spanish premier, "would dare propose such an absurdity, and no Spanish government would listen to or dream of such a proposal."

The Correspondencia Militar, organ of the army, says, "The prevailing impression is that war between Spain and the United States will break out in April." A former captain general of Cuba (presumably Marshal Martinez Campos), interviewed by a representative of Correspondencia Militar, is reported as saying: "I never entertained a doubt that if the rebellion were not suppressed before 1898 war with the United States would become an accomplished fact."



MARSHAL CAMPOS.

Unhappily my prophecy will be fulfilled. But I have the consolation of having done all in my power to avert it, and therefore I do not regret the blame which has been heaped upon me. All that is now possible is that we should all unite to meet the danger that threatens the country."

The work of naval construction and armament at Ferrol is being pushed by the government with the greatest activity at the arsenal and dockyard.

The impartial, in an editorial, blames Spanish weakness in the Alliance, Venedito, Competitor and other affairs as encouraging the United States in "their present bellicose attitude." It counsels the government to "awake to the reality of the situation, which the good sense of the Spanish people understands and is ready to meet."

The cardinal archbishop of Valladolid has published a pastoral letter blaming America for the prolongation of the Cuban war. His eminence says, "The hypocritical friendship of the United States fosters the rebellion and wastes Spain's resources in order the better to attack her when weakened." He exhorts all true Spaniards to "unite in defending the rights and honor of the nation." The letter has caused widespread comment.

AT KEY WEST NOW.

The Court of Inquiry Arrives From Havana and Begins Work.

KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—The long expected court of inquiry has come at last. It will probably return to Havana on Wednesday, at the latest, after taking testimony here. The sessions of the court will be held in the United States district court room, in the federal building. The only important witness examined will be Lieutenant Blandin, the officer of the deck when the Maine explosion occurred. The testimony of the other survivors will take only a short time, and celebrity is the order of the day with the officers of the court.

It can be stated that the court itself has arrived at no definite conclusion as to the cause of the disaster, much less given out any information which would tend to positively decide this enthralling question of the day.

Later in the morning Captain Sampson, Captain Chadwick and Lieutenant Commander Potter came ashore and arranged preliminary details for the sessions of the court. They seemed delighted to set foot once more upon American soil.

To a correspondent Captain Sampson said: "We have finished up our work in Cuba to a certain extent. There is, as you know, nothing I can say regarding our opinions on the Maine disaster. All reports purporting to express our opinions are false."

Lieutenant Commander Marx was a trifle more explicit. "We had a pleasant trip from Havana," he said. "We left there last night. I am glad to meet so many friends here. We are going to start in at once, as we can't afford to lose any time, you know. We expect to be here less than a week. Yes, we may go back to Havana. The wrecking divers are getting away there, but they seem slow, and little has been accomplished yet. We brought back Redding, the Maine's diver, who was in the command. He has a bad cold. He is a

splendid diver, that same man, Redding."

Asked with reference to the report that the Maine's fate was known positively to have resulted from a mine explosion, Lieutenant Commander Marx laughed and said: "These stories amuse us. Of course I can't tell you what we have found out so far; but these stories (pointing to a local 'extra' with sensational headlines), why, they amuse us immensely."

Martin Redding, the diver referred to by Lieutenant Commander Marx, is a native of Key West and returned here after the explosion. He was taken back to work on the wreck. His arrival here caused much comment, and it was said that he had talked too much at Havana and had been removed in consequence. He held forth at considerable length before street corner audiences, but his condition was such that little credence could be given his numerous statements.

ADMINISTRATION CRITICISED.

Many in Havana Think American Policy One of Delay.

HAVANA, via Key West, Feb. 28.—Many Americans and some Spaniards here insist that the investigation into the Maine disaster has thus far been superficial and barren of vital results. They claim that, though nearly two weeks have passed, no knowledge has been gained as to the condition of the forward part of the hull or as to whether the 6 or 10 inch ammunition magazines forward to the starboard exploded. They insist, moreover, that expert divers, with enough experience to make drawings of the condition of things submarine, might have been at work a week ago and might have settled the question as to the magazines at least ere this.

Those who hold these views say that the hull forward should be raised without further loss of time and before it has sunk too deep in 40 feet of soft mud. There are some who go so far as to charge the United States government with adopting the Spanish policy of delay until the disaster shall be partially forgotten or discounted. Many of the Spanish officials are said to entertain the opinion that this is the case and to be very well pleased with the notion. On the other hand, however, good judges say that all criticism in this vein is made without a knowledge of the facts and that no one save the members of the court of inquiry and their superiors are aware of all the testimony developed or of what submarine plans have been made.

These also urge that there is no use trying to raise the hull until the wreckage of armor, superstructure, engines, decks, guns and masts has been taken out. To do this will take time, and the apparatus for it can only be found in the north. It is said no company in the world ever took a contract for such work where the blowing up of the wreck by dynamite was prohibited lest important evidence be destroyed.

But even the most moderate strongly deprecate any more delay than is absolutely necessary, while all agree that the American people are not likely to forget so readily. Rumors of this, that or the other discovery, setting on foot this, that or the other theory are still rife. In most cases when run down they are easily proved false. It is useless to deny that the interest here is much less intense than it was a week ago, but it is ever ready to be kindled into acuteness by any established facts.

QUIET AT WASHINGTON.

Examination of Map Shows No Mines at Havana.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The usual Sunday quiet was not broken by any important developments in connection with the Maine disaster. Captain Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau, came to his office in the navy department to open the mail and a few unimportant telegrams. A dispatch from Havana confirmed the press reports that the court of inquiry left there on the Manrover for Key West. The state department received nothing from Consul General Lee during the day.

Mr. Long stated that the department is in possession of no more information on the cause of the disaster than it was immediately after the occurrence, and that no evidence has been received up to the present time showing that the disaster was caused by design. During the afternoon the secretary received a call from Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, who assured him that an examination of the map used to show mines in Havana harbor disclosed that no such mines were on the map.

Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, has received a cablegram from the minister of state at Madrid saying that the new minister to the United States, Senor Polo y Bernabe, sailed to-day from Gibraltar. This will bring him to Washington in about ten days. At Gibraltar he will take one of the German line transatlantic steamers touching at that point.

Beyond the foregoing dispatch, Senor du Bosc received no news from Havana or Madrid. He expressed satisfaction at the more conservative trend of public sentiment within the last few days. Press reports from Madrid stated that the authorities were jubilant over the receipt of important favorable information from Havana. Senor du Bosc could shed no light on the nature of this information. In other quarters, however, the impression prevailed that this information did not refer to the Maine inquiry, but concerned the general conduct of the insurrection in Cuba.

Jail Delivery at Ballston Spa.

SARATOGA, Feb. 28.—Four prisoners escaped from Saratoga county jail at Ballston Spa, after seriously assaulting Jailer Wilber Smith. Three were recaptured inside of an hour, but the fourth, who was awaiting trial for burglary and larceny, is still at liberty.

Bishop Willard Will Preach.

SARATOGA, Feb. 28.—Bishop Willard F. Willard of Buffalo will preach at the Trinity conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, beginning here April 1.

ABLAZE IN MIDOCEAN

British Steamer Burned to the Water's Edge.

FATALITIES INCREASE THE DISASTER

Sailors Drowned, Fireman Burned to Death, Small Boat Containing Two Men Cast Adrift, and a Man Crazed by Burns Leaps Overboard.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The British steamer Legislator, Captain Tennant, bound from Liverpool for Colon, was burned at sea Feb. 16 in lat. 31.23, long. 44.10 W. The fire broke out on Feb. 13 and burned fiercely for three days, during which time a fireman named Thomas Roberts was burned to death; the second officer, James Bateman, and a seaman, William Angell, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat; the third officer, Martin, and a chief steward, John Gaffney, went adrift in another boat, and the chief cook, Fred E. Lee, being razed with fearful burns, jumped overboard.

The rest of the crew of 30 men, with two passengers, Dr. William E. Mortimer and wife of London, were rescued by the fruit steamer Flowergate and brought to this port, arriving here yesterday. Four of the crew, Chief Engineer John Trougher, Second Engineer John Holden, Fourth Engineer Robert Mill and Seaman Charles Ibbittson, were so severely injured that they were taken to the Marine hospital upon arriving at this port. Holden is not expected to live.

The suffering of those who survived the fearful three days in which they were tossed about by the waves, while explosion after explosion threatened at any moment to send the fire eaten steamer to the bottom, makes a tale seldom equaled in the annals of the merchant marine. The Legislator left Liverpool on Feb. 3 with a miscellaneous cargo, including phosphate, cotton goods and percussion caps, for Colon and Central American ports.

Nothing out of the ordinary occurred until 4 o'clock in the morning of the 13th inst., when without warning an explosion took place from a hatchway forward of amidships, followed by a tremendous outburst of smoke and flame. All the firemen and engineers but one came tumbling on deck, some of them more or less burned. The missing man proved to be Thomas Roberts, and it was not until two days that his charred body was recovered during a lull in the fire.

The crew was badly handicapped in fighting the fire, as the hose and pumping engine were disabled or consumed. Nevertheless the fire was kept from spreading for three days through the most persistent work. Soon after the fire started it spread so rapidly that the forward part of the ship, on which were seven men, was cut off, and Captain Tennant asked for volunteers to rescue the balance of the crew. Second Officer Bateman and a seaman, William Angell, at once offered to row along the side of the ship and bring the men aft.

One of the boats was launched with difficulty as there was a heavy sea running and by careful work managed to reach the almost doomed men. All were finally taken on board, and the boat dropped astern, but before the nine men could be pulled on the after deck a tremendous sea capsized the small boat, and every man was thrown into the water. Sad as it seems, after their heroic work, Bateman and Angell were the only ones who were not rescued.

In the meantime through some confusion another boat had been launched, and in it was Third Officer Martin and Chief Steward John Gaffney. Another big sea swept them away, and they have not been seen since. The fighting of the fire still continued, and as the fire reached the boxes of percussion caps there were almost constant explosions. In one of these Fred E. Lee, the chief cook, was so severely burned that he jumped overboard and could not be saved.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 15th the steamer Flowergate bound to this port from Palermo, Italy, hove in sight. Two boats were immediately lowered from the Flowergate, and after three hours all of those on board the burning vessel were safely transferred, Captain Tennant being the last to leave. Some of the crew saved a part of their clothing, but a majority of those on board lost everything.

The rescue was none too soon, for as the Flowergate started her engines the fire was seen bursting from the after decks of the Legislator, and the steamer was probably entirely consumed not many hours after. The men who had suffered severe burns while fighting the flames were tenderly cared for on the Flowergate, although every one was forced to live on half rations while on the trip to this port. The injured men are now at the Marine hospital in Chelsea, and it is thought that all will recover but Engineer Holden.

Activity at an Arsenal.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The greatest activity known since the late rebellion is now witnessed at the Wetzerville arsenal, and the entire force is working night and day. On Friday night an order was received for the shipment of two carloads of 12-inch projectiles to Fort Hamilton with the greatest possible haste. The projectiles were boxed for shipment and have been dispatched.

Illinois Coal Scale Arranged.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Feb. 28.—The state miners' convention and the coal operators of the state have agreed upon a scale of prices for Illinois. The scale goes into effect April 1 and will be in operation one year.

Another Ship May Be Lost.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 28.—The lumber schooner, the Napa, from San Francisco, so far from Astoria, is now 20 days out, and it is feared that she may have been lost during the storm.

LA CHAMPAGNE SAFE

Overdue French Liner Towed Into Halifax Harbor.

WAS ADRIFT FOR DAYS IN MIDOCEAN.

Volunteers Who Left in a Lifeboat to Seek Aid Were Picked Up Exhausted in New York.

HALIFAX, Feb. 28.—The three hundred and odd passengers on board the overdue French liner La Champagne have been safely landed here.

The Champagne sailed from Havre on Feb. 12, with fine, clear weather, which continued for two days. Then the wind freshened and a gale sprang up, blowing at moderate force. All went well until the 17th. The passengers had settled down and were passing the time pleasantly. The ship was steaming fast against the head seas, when suddenly about 4 o'clock a tremendous crashing sound in the engine room was heard. In an instant a panic seized upon the passengers. Captain Poirot quickly calmed the people, and soon after it was discovered that the tail screw shaft had broken. The steamer was running at high speed, and the engines raced like lightning when the resistance of the screw was removed and before they could be stopped considerable damage was done in the engine room.

Captain Poirot announced that the damage could be repaired and the ship would proceed at 1 o'clock next day. She was put about, but after further examination it was found that the damage was irreparable. Nothing remained to be done but anchor. She was then in lat. 45.28, long. 51.23, just in the track of outward bound steamers.

The steamer kept up a continual fire of guns and discharge of rockets, but no answer came to their signals, and on Friday the captain dispatched a boat containing eight men, a coxswain and lieutenant either to make land or sight a passing steamer.

That night a fierce gale sprang up and heavy seas dashed against the big steamer on the banks. The anchor chains strained and swung and the ship was tossed about like a feather. After midnight the gale increased in fury, and about 4 o'clock Saturday morning the anchor hawser parted with a snap and the ship drifted southward. The situation was critical in the extreme. The current drove the vessel southward at the rate of 50 miles daily, veering again to the southwest. All the while the steamer kept showing her signals of distress, but no answering signals came.

On Wednesday, the 23d, however, the Warren liner Roman appeared and gave the ship the welcome assistance required, towing her into this port yesterday.

As La Champagne swung to her anchor a reporter was among the first to board her. He conveyed to Captain Poirot the news of the safe arrival of Third Officer George Unsworth and the nine brave men who put off in a lifeboat in search of help.

"Thank God for that!" the captain fervently exclaimed. "The risk those gallant fellows took was almost sure death, yet they volunteered bravely and without a murmur."

Though greatly overjoyed at finding his vessel safely in port the captain did not overlook the fact that his passengers were still far from their destination. While he busied himself arranging the details of their transportation to New York the 300 passengers congregated on deck and in the saloon, expressing delight at finding themselves once more safe in harbor. They all wanted to know what friends on both sides of the Atlantic thought of the detention at sea, and were eager to tell of their experiences on board a disabled ship.

The faces of many bore signs of mental suffering endured in those six days and nights of terror and suspense. Some there were who tried to make light of the mishap, now that the steamer was out of danger, but the experience was one that none of them will care to repeat.

A subscription was made up on board for the men who so bravely manned the lifeboat and left in search of help, and the sum of 5,000 francs was quickly realized. The men who left the Champagne were picked up in an exhausted condition by the steamer Rotterdam and taken to New York.

When La Champagne was entering Halifax harbor Captain Poirot was presented with an address signed by all the passengers, to which he made a suitable and modest reply.

Attempt to Assassinate King George.

ATHENS, Feb. 28.—An attempt was made on Saturday evening to assassinate King George of Greece, but failed. He was returning from Phleum, accompanied by the Prince of Mar, when two men hidden in a ditch opened fire on him. Nine shots in all were fired, but neither the king nor his daughter was injured. Services of reprisals were held all over the country yesterday. There is no trace of the miscreants.

Died When a Century Old.

TRENTON, Feb. 28.—Elija Wallen died yesterday, the one hundredth anniversary of her birth. Her age was satisfactorily established by records. Her eyesight was perfect to the last. She had been sick a few days from grip, and this induced heart failure. She was twice married.

Congress May Adjourn in May.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—It is believed by many that the work of congress will be finished by May and that adjournment will then be taken. There are in the house only three appropriation bills in abeyance and one of these, the naval bill, is in committee awaiting the result of the inquiry into the Maine disaster. An extra appropriation for warships will then be made at once if necessary.

BRAVE FIREMEN KILLED.

Terrific Explosion Hurled Firefighters to Their Death.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 28.—Fire broke out in Hall Bros. laboratory, and while the firemen were trying to put the fire out in the second story a terrific explosion took place, blowing out the entire side of the building. The first explosion was followed by two others. Firemen on the ladder were blown in every direction by the fearful concussion. The flames shot high into the air, and it looked for a moment as if there would be an awful conflagration. The crowd was dazed by the explosion. Horses were thrown down and windows in the vicinity shattered. Work of rescue began at once, and the building was left to its doom.

The dead are: P. H. McHugh, fireman; James Quigley, fireman; George Holliday, fireman; Charles Whiting, fireman; John Hastings, drayman; William Wagar, fireman; Eugene Dole, fireman.

Several others whose names cannot be obtained at this hour were injured. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$18,000. The Kalamazoo Paper Box company occupied the same building; its loss is \$6,000; insurance, \$4,285.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Ex-Mayor Robert Blee of Cleveland is dead.

Champion Bob Fitzsimmons has expressed a willingness to fight Kid McCoy.

Seven occupants of a bus were killed in Chicago by being struck by a train at a crossing.

The Lapland reindeer Yukon relief expedition has reached New York from Beseok, Lapland.

Augustus Johnson, a Swede, cut his throat with a razor at Lynn, Mass., and died almost instantly.

There is a project on foot in Mexico for settling colonies of persecuted Jews from Europe in the state of Chihuahua.

There are now hopes for the complete recovery of Mrs. W. C. Whitney, who was badly injured while fox hunting at Aiken, S. C.

George Collins, 12 years old, of Cairo, W. Va., stabbed his mother 12 times while she was attempting to whip him. She cannot recover.

In Honor of Newell Rising.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 28.—Memorial services in honor of Newell Rising, a Port Chester man who was a victim of the Maine disaster, were held in the Congregational church there yesterday afternoon. Grand Army men and Sons of Veterans from Greenwich, headed by a drum corps, marched to the church, which was not large enough to accommodate the hundreds who sought admittance. The Rev. Mr. Hunt, the pastor, and the Rev. W. F. Wakefield, a Baptist minister, were the speakers.

Say Neptune Is Yielding His Gold.

LUBEC, Me., Feb. 28.—Assertions are made by the directors of the Electrolytic Marine Salts company that the problem of extracting profitably gold from the waters of the ocean has been solved. One hundred machines have been in operation since Feb. 4, and it is asserted that each has extracted an average of 7.37 cwt. of gold and about 15 cwt. of silver. On the gold alone, the directors assert, the plant here is yielding an average of \$125 a day on an investment of about \$50,000.

A Novel Request.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—The military authorities at the Presidio have made a demand on the coroner for the heart of Joseph Fouque, a dishonorably discharged soldier who committed suicide with the new Krag-Jorgensen rifle. They want the heart to send to the surgeon general at Washington that he may test the destructive power of the new army rifle, as Fouque shot himself squarely through the heart.

Child Burned to Death.

SANDWICH, Mass., Feb. 28.—It has been learned that a dwelling house in Mashpee, about ten miles from here, was destroyed by fire and a child named Rachel Green burned to death. The little girl, who was 5 years old, and her grandmother, Mrs. Reiter, were the only persons in the house, which was some distance from any other dwelling, but the old lady, although very infirm, managed to save herself.

Drove Over Men at Prayer.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 28.—John Feeney, a contractor, while driving at a rapid rate down South Fourth avenue tonight dashed into a detachment of the Salvation Army which was kneeling in the street praying. Captain Traub was run down and knocked over. He received a severe scalp wound. Several others were knocked down but not injured. Feeney was arrested for reckless driving.

The Senate Will Talk of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Beyond the fact that after the Corbett case is decided on Monday the bill regulating the right of way for railroads in Alaska and for other purposes will probably be taken up, the programme in the senate for this week is quite indefinite. The Alaska bill is of much wider scope than its title indicates, and it will not be voted upon without considerable discussion.

Woman Commits Suicide.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Mrs. George Terry committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. She had been confined in the City hospital for some time, and after returning to her home, where she committed the deed, she became morose. She is survived by her husband and two young children.

Captain Coombs' Buildings Burned.

BELFAST, Me., Feb. 28.—Nearly all the buildings with their contents on the estate of Captain Robert M. Coombs were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$200,000; insurance, \$100,000.

MR. SINGERLY DEAD.

President of Recently Failed Bank Suddenly Expires.

HEART DISEASE THE CAUSE OF DEATH

Believed the Smoke of a Cigar Brought on a Coughing Spell, Rupturing a Vessel of the Heart—Sketch of His Career.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—William M. Singerly died suddenly at his residence, 1701 Locust street, yesterday afternoon. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Singerly had been suffering for about ten days from a cold and had remained at home since last Wednesday, although his indisposition was in no way serious. While sitting in his bedroom smoking a cigar he was seized with a violent fit of coughing and immediately afterward fell over dead. In the room at the time were Mr. Singerly's granddaughter, Miss Mabel Singerly Meredith, and two servants. His son-in-law, James S. McCartney, had left a few moments before the sudden end came, leaving Mr. Singerly apparently in good health, apart from his slight cold.

The physicians say they had cautioned Mr. Singerly that his heart was weak as a result of excessive smoking, and of late his custom was to take a "dry smoke." Yesterday, however, his cigar was lighted, and it is thought that the smoke brought on the coughing spell, the severity of which ruptured a vessel of the heart. Mr. Singerly leaves a daughter, Mrs. E. Singerly Balch, who is at present touring Europe.

William M. Singerly was proprietor of The Record Publishing company, president of the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Savings Fund and Trust company, which recently collapsed, and of the Singerly Pulp and Paper mill. He was a member of the Fairmount park commission and until lately its treasurer, and a trustee of the Philadelphia Commercial museum.

He was born in this city on Dec. 27, 1832, and, with the exception of a brief period in his early manhood, when he conducted a commission business in Chicago, had lived here ever since. His father, Joseph Singerly, was one of the originators of the street railway system of Philadelphia, and William returned here to assume the management of the Germantown Passenger Railway company. In 1877 he bought The Record, then a comparatively feeble journal, and brought it to its present high standard. Mr. Singerly was always an active Democrat. In 1894 he was unanimously made the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania and entered with great energy into the canvass, speaking in nearly every county in the state. In all he made over 70 speeches in upholding the cause of Democracy. The natural Republican majority of Pennsylvania was too great to be overcome, however, and his competitor, General Hastings, carried off the prize.

Another Accident in Alaskan Waters.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—The steamer Topeka has arrived here from Juneau. The officers of the Topeka report that by a terrific windstorm at Juneau last Sunday the steamer Oregon was blown ashore on the Juneau flats. She was lying in Juneau harbor at anchor when the gale struck her, and after straining at her anchors for some time she began to drag, and then at tremendous speed she was driven on the flats. Several soldiers were hurled bodily against the side of the vessel, and some were killed. She was finally floated.

She Disappeared to Get Married.

MILFORD, Mass., Feb. 28.—Miss Mary J. More Morgan Westropp, niece of Charles William More, fifth earl of Mount Cashell, who died Feb. 21 last in London, was married here yesterday to George F. S. Jeayes by Judge L. E. Fales. Miss Westropp was reported to the Boston police Friday as having been missing since Feb. 12, when she arrived in Boston on the steamer Cephalonia.

Dropped Dead After a Speech.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Charles A. Thieman, grand president of the Arbeiter Staatszunge Verein (workmen's mutual aid society), dropped dead on the platform of the lodge last evening. He had just finished the work of installing officers. Thieman advanced to the front of the platform in concluding his address, and as the last words were pronounced he pitched forward dead.

Nebraska Bank Robbed.

OMAHA, Feb. 28.—A report has just been received from Bayard, a town in the interior of the state, remote from telegraph service, that two masked men took A. G. Taylor, president of the bank of Bayard, from bed and compelled him to open the safe in the bank. Only a small sum was secured. Taylor was severely beaten about the head. A posse is in pursuit of the robbers.

Brother of Lord Tennyson Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Mr. Frederick Tennyson, the poet, eldest brother of the poet laureate, Lord Alfred Tennyson, died yesterday. Among his last known publications are "Days and Hours," "Daphne and Other Poems" and "Poems of the Day and Year." The last were published in 1895.

Strikers to Go to Washington.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 28.—The strike council of a meeting last evening decided to send two delegates to Washington to represent the New Bedford union. The hearings of the congressional committee on Representative Lovering's bill amendment to the constitution.

Will Open a Treaty Port.

PEKING, Feb. 28.—The government has agreed to open Yuen-Chow, on Lake Tung-tung-tu, as a treaty port, but declines to entertain any proposal touching the opening of the lake.





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Not a Specialist, But at Home in All Branches of Law—His Position as an Orator and His Inspired Wit.

As a lawyer William M. Everts is easily the first on this continent. This, writes Henry O'Connor, in the Midland Monthly, has long been conceded by the profession everywhere, except in the big city where he lives, where there have always been a few men envious of his success and fame.

The records of the court of appeals of New York and of the circuit and the supreme courts of the United States are illuminated by his masterly professional efforts and wonderful successes.

He is in no sense of the word a specialist—us we say "a great commercial lawyer," "a great criminal lawyer," or "a great constitutional lawyer." He is simply great in all these branches of the law, and on every question that may arise under any of them, in either the "nisi prius" court or the court of last resort, up to the supreme court of the United States; and his wonderful power and acumen as an international lawyer was demonstrated to the world by his irresistible logic and eloquence in the conduct of the American case before the Geneva tribunal in 1872-3.

Everts came to the bar early, when he was only about 22 years old, but at a time when the United States was filled with learned and brilliant lawyers. In the south Sargent S. Prentiss, Badger, Butler, Yancy, Crittenden and Clavin in New England, Webster, Rufus Choate, Phelps, of Vermont, whom Daniel Webster pronounced the best lawyer he ever met; and Ohio, then the west, with an array of legal talent that might challenge the world; in the interior of the state such men as old Tom Ewing and Allen G. Thurman, and Cincinnati with a galaxy of its own rivaling the great cities of the country and the world—Chase, Walker, Storer, Fox,



WILLIAM MAXWELL EVERTS.  
(Said to Be America's Foremost Lawyer.)

Grosbeck, Spencer, both the Pughs, and many others, New York and Philadelphia, then as now, filled with great lawyers. It was on such a field that young Everts began the battle of his life. He has lived to get not only to the front, but to the top.

As an orator it is more difficult to give Everts his true position. His style was his own, and although by no means the equal I think he is more like Wendell Phillips in style and manner than he is like any other of our great American orators.

The body of Everts' speeches is argument. His syllogism is so plain from unbroken logic that a child can make the deduction. It is irresistible.

As secretary of state, Everts wanted to be called conservative, but with the sternest sense of justice, always a stickler for the personal rights of American citizens at home and abroad. In the tricky small arts of diplomacy, Everts, perhaps, would not be called an expert or skillful diplomatist, but in the discussion of great international questions and broad statesmanship he held his own, and more, with the best of them.

His wit is almost inspired. Like a man's first love the goddess is ever present with him, never deserts him. When the monetary conference met in Washington, in 1878 I think, it became the duty of the secretary of state to pay them some social as well as political attention. Everts, of course, took them all down to Mount Vernon to see the home and tomb of Washington. The boat took them up the little river spanned by the natural bridge. A tradition of the neighborhood tells the story that Washington, who was something of an athlete, once threw a silver dollar over the bridge from about where the party then stood. All expressed astonishment at the feat of the father of his country. Some tried with bits of stone. All failed, of course. Some even ventured to express a doubt. "Oh, well, gentlemen," said Everts, "you must remember that a dollar went a great deal farther in those days than it goes now."

An Old Belief Verified.  
The old belief held by farmers that a steadily cold winter is followed by an abundance of insect pests, but that an irregular winter with a temperature alternately high and low kills off the pests has substantial ground to rest upon according to some experiments made by Dr. A. M. Read in a cold storage establishment at Washington. It was found that the alternation of a low temperature, say 19 degrees Fahrenheit, with a comparatively high one, say 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, invariably killed the larvae of certain injurious insects, although they were not injured by continuous exposure to the lower temperature.

A Strong Argument.  
He—All great men smoke, my dear Sir. But you're not great.—N. Y.  
New Prussian Blue is Made.  
Prussian blue paint is made from the ashes of the burnt heads of horses.

## Getting Cruisers Ready For Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28. — League Island navy yard literally swarmed with visitors today in consequence of the report from Washington that the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis, the double turreted monitor Miantonomoh and the ram Katahdin had been ordered to go into commission with dispatch. Both cruisers have skeleton crews aboard, while the monitor has been lying at her dock for several years and the Katahdin since last winter.

None of the naval officials at the yard would say anything relating to the future movements of the vessels, but from workmen it was learned that the commission orders had been issued. Everything is shipshape on the Minneapolis, Columbia, and beyond filling up their complement of officers and men and taking on coal and provisions nothing remains to be done. This will consume about five days at the most, and then both vessels will be ready for service.

## The Terror at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The United States monitor Terror, which left Hampton roads at 5 o'clock Saturday evening, was reported as passing in at Sandy Hook at 18 minutes before 12 o'clock last night.

Her arrival here is in accordance with plans of Secretary of the Navy Long for stationing monitors along the coast. It is proposed to send the Amphitrite for the protection of Charleston and Port Royal, the Puritan for the protection of Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and Norfolk, and the Miantonomoh for the protection of Philadelphia in the event of hostilities.

## The Crew Will Take No Chances.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The British steamer Mayfield, Captain Corbitts, for Antwerp, which was reported as having sailed, is still in port, and it is understood that her crew have refused to work until her cargo of oats is properly stored. The steamer has a bad list to starboard, and a force of men will be immediately placed on board to shift the cargo.

## Probably Part of the Asia.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The steamer City of Macon, which has arrived from Savannah, reports that while passing over Stone Horsehoe a portion of the after-deck and the wheel of a vessel, probably a part of the wreck of the British ship Asia, were sighted.

## Oil Trust Won't Tell Its Profits.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 28.—The Standard Oil company has filed in the supreme court its answer to the suit brought to break the trust in Ohio. It gives a list of certificate holders, but declines to name the profits arising from the trust.

## Bay State Democrats.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The Democratic state committee announces that it will open headquarters on March 1 at 13 school street, Boston, rooms 57 and 58.

## An Interesting Comparison.

The relative size of the earth as compared with the sun is, approximately, that of a grain of sand to an orange.

## REMOVAL SALE!

## TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE, Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

## BARGAIN GIVING AT TOMPKINS'

Is a matter of all days—not of any day in particular. It is never spasmodic, nor even intermittent, yet in the course of things there come certain times when extraordinary movements concentrate, such days are now here. "Sensational" is a word at present somewhat distorted in meaning, therefore to be used with caution. Yet no other word will describe the general character of our announcement for this week.

Remember on April 1st We Will Move to 35 North St., in the Store Now Occupied by Mr. Geo. B. Adams.

We must reduce our stock as low as possible before moving day, hence these sensational prices for this week.

## Sensational Sale of Dress Goods!

All new goods just unpacked. They were bought before we made the deal with Mr. Adams, to be delivered March 1st. They are here now, and should be sold at the usual profits, but our removal sale is on. We don't want to move them into our new quarters, so all profits must go to the winds. They are superb things, these new dress fabrics. Of course they are exclusive too. Your chance to buy a New Dress is this week at Tompkins'.

10 CTS. A YARD. New Hairs and Fancy Dress Goods should be 15c.	50 CTS. EACH. This corset is made of strong jean, sixteen stripes, full boned bust, and should have been marked 75c.	AT 8c. Skirt Canvas, worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
25 CTS. A YARD. Fancy Worsted Suitings, bought to sell for 39c a yard.	75 CTS. EACH. This corset is well made, correct shape, boned bust, silk flossing and embroidered white or drab. It is a \$1 corset.	AT 10c. Linen Duck Canvas, worth 15c.
30 CTS. A YARD. Mixed Tweed Suitings, forty pieces in this lot, in complete assortment of new spring colorings, suitable for street wear, stylish and nobby effects. They should have been 50c.	SENSATIONAL REMOVAL SALE OF DRESS GOODS. The destructive character of our special offerings is that, however low the prices, the goods have merit. This business is growing rapidly on this principle. The splendid prospect will not be clouded by a surrender of that principle. A common way of derogating quality, provided only that the price is low, is not tolerated here. Remember THAT and study the following:	AT 18c. Best grade of 25c Linen Duck Canvas
50 CTS. A YARD. Sensational price. Fifty new pieces of Dress Goods. This lot consists of elegant granite cloth in new colorings illuminated Scotch Felt cloth in a beautiful assortment of colorings. Cheviots in black and navy blue, and many of the newest novelties. These goods should have brought 75c a yard.	AT 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Light Ground Calicoes, the best made, 5c is the regular price.	AT 32c. 24-inch Genuine Hair Cloth.
75 CTS. A YARD. Elegant Granite Cloth in the latest coloring, Black Serge, Crepons and Henriettas. These all should have been \$1.00.	AT 4c. Best Indigo Blue Calicoes.	SENSATIONAL REMOVAL SALE OF LINENS. The price paring effect is very prominently apparent in such a case as this. We give you finished goods, goods with a good deal of work on them at a lower price than you would have to pay for the material alone. These prices are peculiarly Tompkins'. See if you can get so far under cost of materials elsewhere.
EVERY IN our store news is to be taken seriously. Make no allowance for metaphor nor for the enthusiasm of the advertiser. The day's story may not invariably interest you, but you may and shall invariably believe it. News to be profitable must first be reliable. There shall never be any doubt of one in either regard.	AT 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Best Apron Check Ginghams.	BLEACHED PILLOW CASES. 36x45 inches, made and hemmed, ready for use, 5c each.
A CORSET About 300 new Corsets, bought advantageously, go on sale this week, on account of our removal at a third of their prices.	AT 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Good Oatmeal Flannel, elsewhere 10c.	BLEACHED Made and hemmed, 51x90 inches, SHEETS, 35c each.
25 CTS. EACH. This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 hooks, double side steel and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 39c.	AT 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Best Black and Silver Grey Calico.	TABLE LINEN. Cream Damask Table Linen, 45c a yard is regular price. Removal sale price is 25c a yard.
35 CTS. EACH. This corset is made of strong jean, corded bust, side steel, medium length, price should have been 50c.	AT 5c. Good 3c Dress Ginghams, in new patterns and designs.	64-INCH Half Bleached Table Linen, 50c quality. Removal sale price 35c a yard.
	AT 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The best grade of new Dress Ginghams in 100 styles, striped and plaid. These splendid ginghams have never been sold for less than 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and in former years 20c.	75 CENT Bleached Table Damask. Removal sale price 50c a yard.
	REMOVAL SALE Extraordinary values that mean money saving. Chances for, thirty shoppers.	\$1.25 DINNER NAPKINS. Removal sale price 90c a dozen.
	AT 8c. Best Cambric Skirt Lining.	\$1.75 NAPKINS. Removal sale price \$1.25 a dozen.
	AT 8c. Good Shirts, well worth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.	NEW SHIRT WAISTS. Made of pretty new set fashion, yoke back, detachable collars of same material. They should bring 50c each, but our removal sale is on so they go for 25c each.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Partly cloudy; warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.  
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:  
7 a. m., 24°; 12 m., 40°; 5 p. m., 42°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.  
—Feb. 28.—"The Wizard of the Nile," at Casino.  
—March 3.—Gentlemen's supper at Universalist parlorage.  
—March 3, 4, 5.—Kinestoscope exhibition, at Casino.  
—March 9.—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrel, at Casino, under management of George Lea.  
—March 17.—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.  
—March 17.—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy" Alton, at Casino 7 hours.  
—March 25.—Van Inga, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.  
—April 15.—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.

The Board of Education's requisition for school expenses during the coming year, \$31,875, is slightly in excess of that of last year, which was \$31,450. In last year's estimate there was included an item of \$5,500 for furniture. This year's furniture item is only \$100.

Senator Platt held a "Sunday school for Republican lawmakers" at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, Sunday, and issued orders that the Ellsworth anti-cartoon bill must be put through. The opposition to the measure was so pronounced and emphatic that the Republican leaders at Albany had decided to drop it, but acting under the boss's orders a determined effort will now be made to pass the odious bill.

Mr. Croker's announcement that Tammany's members of the legislature will support the biennial sessions resolution is a shrewd political move. The measure, which is being pushed by Gov. Black, is certain to pass, and Democratic support of it merely takes from the Republicans all possibility of making campaign material out of the Democratic position. And if there is one thing that the Republican party in this State needs it is campaign material.

It is said in Washington that the report of the Court of Inquiry into the Maine disaster will probably not be made public until the latter part of March. This is a very cunning move. If the findings of the court show that the vessel was wrecked by an outside explosion, which could only have been caused by Spanish fiendishness, the delay in making public the court's conclusions will give our government needed time for the making of military and naval preparations for any emergency that may arise. Delay will also have the effect of cooling off popular excitement, which is now at white heat, and if a crisis has to be met it will then be met more calmly, more dispassionately, and therefore more wisely.

It is possible war with Spain may come out of the destruction of the Maine, but it will not be of Spain's choosing. However swollen her statesmen may be with the pride of the "Dons" they are not quite idiots. They are conscious, painfully conscious, that they are well nigh hopelessly struggling to put down armed insurrection; that the exhausted state of their country's credit is shown in its 4 per cent bonds selling at 60 in the money centers of Europe, with no "bottom" prices for them should they fire on the American flag. They know, full well, that in population, resources, and all the things which go to make a people "first in war," and "first in peace," they are but shadow as compared with the United States. No, if there is fighting to be done, the Spaniard won't be the first to "sly his custer into the arena."

Moved to proper shame by the humiliating spectacle of Wall Street's scare over the Maine disaster, and the dread spectre of war it gave rise to, some effort has been made by the metropolitan press to make it appear that the semi-panic into which the street collapsed upon the news, was not a result of scare, but was a natural breakdown of prices consequent upon long continued and overstrained speculative rise in them. Now the plain truth is that the smash was born of scare, pure and simple, and where the humiliation comes in is that the financial centre of 74,000,000 people lost its head, became panic-stricken, over the possibility of a clash of arms with 17,000,000 people, and they having all their energies and resources overtaxed in effort to put down armed rebellion Capital is the veriest coward of them all!

TO BUY NEW WAR SHIPS.  
A Resolution Appropriating \$20,000,000 For this Purpose Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representative Brownwell introduced in the House, to-day, a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, whenever in his judgment he deemed it expedient to do so, to purchase war vessels of modern type, such as are necessary to place the navy on a proper footing for immediate hostilities with any foreign power which may threaten war on the United States, and appropriating \$20,000,000 for that purpose. It was referred to the Naval Committee.

TO REST IN AMERICAN SOIL.  
The Maine's Combined Draft to Be Buried at Key West.

KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—All of the Maine's unburied dead are to be laid to rest at Key West. Others to this effect were received from the Navy depot yesterday and the steamer Bucho will bring here any bodies hereafter recovered. Fifty coffins have been ordered from Key West undertakers.

Admiral Sicard will have personal charge of funeral arrangements which are expected to include all naval honors.

EIGHT DIVERS AT WORK.  
Expecting That Many Bodies Will Be Removed from the Maine To-day  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
HAVANA, Feb. 28.—Including the Spanish divers there are now eight men at work below the surface of water about the Maine wreck and it is believed many bodies will be recovered to-day.

Great preparations are making to give a hearty welcome to the Vizcaya which is expected to arrive to-day.

Another wrecking tug is expected to arrive at any time.

DAYTON'S POST OFFICE PAPERS  
Will Be Here in a Few Days.—Delayed by a Senate Clerk.  
B. S. Dayton has been notified from Washington that notice of his appointment as postmaster and the blank bonds will reach here in a few days. The delay in sending him his papers is said to be due to the action of a Senate clerk, who failed to send to the Post Office Department any notice of his confirmation.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WALTHAM, Mass., Feb. 28.—A ten per cent. reduction of wages went into effect in the Boston Manufacturing Company's cotton mill here, to-day. Over 1,500 operatives are effected.

BREAD RIOTS AT GALTIPOLI.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—Serious bread riots have occurred at Galtipoli, where a mob attempted to burn the government offices. Thirty-six arrests have been made.

COURT OF INQUIRY AT KEY WEST  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
KEY WEST, Feb. 28.—The Maine Court of Inquiry commenced its sessions here, this morning.

BREWERY WILL START TO-MORROW  
Master Brewer Enslin Is Getting Things in Readiness, To-day.

The Orange County Brewing Company is getting ready to make beer. Master Brewer Enslin has soaked up the twenty big tanks and is boiling out the boiler, to-day. To-morrow the real start will be made and the beer of the first brew, which lovers of that beverage hope to sample, will be ready some where between May 15th and June 15th.

The brewery does not present a completed appearance yet, by any means. Only a few of the rooms are completed, though the machinery is all ready to operate, except the ice machine. Its foundation is being capped by two heavy stones, today, and in a day or two it will be in place.

The building is a substantial one, and when entirely completed may be depended on to rank with any brewery between Paterson and Buffalo. The equipment is first class in every respect. Workmen have been shining up copper and brass, to-day, and cleaning up the dirt left behind by the small army of workmen.

The powerful Hogan boilers, in readiness, were watched over by the engineer, who is to see that the proper temperature is maintained.

General Manager Reinecke is hopeful of being under full swing this week and is preparing for the grand three-day opening which will inaugurate the completion of the first brew.

THE HOGAN BOILER CO.  
The Works Here Not to be Enlarged and Offer to Board of Trade Withdrawn.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hogan Boiler Company, held in this city, Saturday, it was decided to abandon the idea of enlarging its plant here.

## ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

SPREAD CURE TREATMENT for torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and scaly skin and scalp diseases with loss of hair. — Warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, gentle applications of CUTICURA Ointment, and full doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humor cures.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.  
—The D and H. Canal Company's business in 1896 showed a deficiency of over \$686,000. Last year it showed a surplus of \$300,000.

—President Thomas, of the Erie, says that the formal transfer of the Susquehanna and Western will not be made before July 1st. The policy of the Erie management will be to at once develop the Susquehanna's suburban business.

—The explanation given for jaywalking of a number of men in the O. and W.'s, car repair shop, at Norwich, is that a consignment of lumber purchased for use in the shop, was lost by the sinking of a ship off Hatteras. About half of the men laid off have been reinstated and the others are to be set at work soon.

—The Milford and Matamoras railroad project seems to be taking definite shape. The company purchased, Monday, two locomotives that have been in use on the Sea Beach road, and it is understood that bids for a bridge over the Delaware will be opened, to-morrow, and the contract for the structure awarded, Monday.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.  
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHEENEY & Co., Toledo, O.  
Sold by Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Give the Children a Drink called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Its Worst Form.  
"My daughter has been troubled with catarrh since she was four years old. She had the disease in its worst form and took medicines with no permanent relief. She finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and after a while the disagreeable symptoms entirely disappeared." M. W. SILSBY, Hartford, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

What Do the Children Drink?  
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. Fifteen and twenty-five cents.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Kaitierville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. W. D. Olney.

OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE OF  
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks Begins Monday, Jan. 3d  
We have about 300 Cloaks to select from in all grades. Below we quote a few numbers—Our regular \$12.95 coat now \$7.95, our regular \$10 coat now \$6.40, our regular \$8.95 coat now \$4.75, our regular \$5.98 coat now \$2.98. Remember these are all facts, no sham figures. We stick to our custom, never advertise unless we have the article. Any one needing a Coat or Cape, should not lose sight of this opportunity at our handsome store.

L. STERN, 13-15 NORTH ST.  
Still selling fine plaid, all lined Shirt Waists, regular \$1 kind, for 50 cents.

EARLY SILK EXHIBIT!  
We are showing a very attractive line of Fancy Silks in stripes, checks, plaids and brocades at 50, 60, 75c., \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$2.  
Corded Kaiki Wash Silks, in stripes and plaids, newest designs, 50c per yard.  
Extra values in Black Satin Duchess at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50  
We are selling Ladies' Coats at \$5 that sold up to \$14.

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50 CENT HATS. DID YOU GET ONE?  
We have a number left. Sure to please. All \$1.50 to \$3 1897 Hats. Sale continues only a few days longer. You will be sorry when they are gone.  
Underwear, a Little Soiled, 50, 75c. Goods, to Close 25c  
Remember the COST sale of clothing is an opportunity not to be neglected. We give you COST values, as Mr. Boyd bought his interest here at a large discount. Special prices in Merchant Tailoring Department hold good yet. Fit guaranteed.

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WOULD COME IN HANDY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.  
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500 Ready Made Sheets and Pillow Cases, the best kinds, at very low prices

5 pieces Table Linen, the 38c kind, at 29c.

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50 dozen Hosiery, the 15c kind, at 10c.

50 dozen Extra Heavy Ribbed, 15c kind, 10c.

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# NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Gordon's Ministerial at Casino, March 8th.  
—Grandstand erected at J. W. Wood's.  
—Meeting of Middle-town Ice Co., March 12th.  
—Shirt waist sale at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.  
—House of six rooms to let.  
—Small farm wanted.  
—2,762 draws put at Greenwood's.  
—Furniture at auction, to-morrow.  
—Twenty cows for sale by Frank St. alt.  
—Suits and pants to order at Morris B. Wolf's.  
—Plaid tape cheap at J. W. Wood & Son's.  
—Underwear 50c up at Adams & Boyd's.  
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.  
—Health restored by Dr. Miller's Nervine.  
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.  
—Pilo's Cure for coughs and colds.  
—Constipation cured by Cascare's.  
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

# LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—The Wizard of the Nile tonight.

—Stott Mills will take possession of the Warwick post office, to-morrow.

—The last meeting of the present Common Council, will be held to-night.

—The Business Men's Association will meet at Dusenberry's Hall, Wednesday evening.

—Gallery tickets for to-night's production of "The Wizard of the Nile" are to be sold at twenty-five cents.

—The annual meeting of the Middle-town Ice Company will be held Saturday evening, March 12, at 7 o'clock.

—Monthly meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow in their rooms, at 4 p. m. A full attendance is desired.

—The big comic opera production, "The Wizard of the Nile," with 53 people in the cast, will be given at the Casino to-night.

—A special meeting of Monahan Hose Company will be held this evening, at their rooms. Business of importance comes before the members.

—Rev. George C. Betts, of Goshen, will preach at Grace Church, at 7:30 Wednesday night, and Pastor David J. Evans will take the service in St. James' Church, Goshen, that evening.

—The Orange County Horse and Road Improvement Association is desirous of increasing its membership in this city. All interested in the improvement of highways should join in the association, which is making strenuous effort to better Orange county's roads. Membership in the association costs only \$5 a year. Membership blanks may be found at Strack's barber shop, the Commercial House and the Millspaugh Hardware Co.

# PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Horton spent Sunday in this city.

—Frank Austin, of New York, was in town, yesterday, visiting friends.

—Knapp R. Holskins, of Binghamton, spent Sunday with Dr. W. F. Douglas.

—J. R. Van Duzer and John V. Demarest went to Warwick, to-day, to attend the funeral of Edward L. Wellington.

—Ensign Powelson has written his father, the latter reaching here Sunday, that he is enjoying good health. He made absolutely no reference to his work in Havana harbor.

# MANY APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

Overseer of the Poor Wood Reports Disbursements for February the Largest in His Official Term—Many Families Forced to Ask Public Aid for the First Time.

Overseer of the Poor Wood says that applications for relief during the present month have been unusually numerous, and that although this is a short month, the orders issued amount to very nearly \$500, the largest total for any month in all the years that he has held the office of overseer. There were also many applications for relief during January and the worst of the matter is that the applicants this month and last are not old recipients of public charity, but families who have never before sought public help and who are driven to it now by the sternest necessity.

The breadwinners in a number of families report to Mr. Wood that they have had no work for many weeks and are unable to find anything to do, though they have searched diligently for employment and are willing to turn their hands to anything that offers.

The coming of spring will bring slightly improved conditions, but the outlook is not encouraging for better industrial conditions. Of a truth McKinley prosperity is worse for Middletown than Democratic hard times.

# "THE WIZARD OF THE NILE."

The Company Reached Here at 1 O'clock from Boston.

"The Wizard of the Nile" Company arrived in this city on the 1 o'clock train. There are fifty-three members of the company. They closed their engagement in Boston, last Saturday evening, and came directly to this city. There is a vast amount of scenery, which the Casino force has been putting in place this afternoon. The advance sale is one of the largest of the season.

# A Newburgh Stabbing Affray.

James Purcell, of Newburgh, was cut in nine places about the head and face and once on the wrist in a fight which occurred at the Quassaick bridge, Saturday night. Five of the wounds are bad ones. Frank Schultz and Albert Febyk have been arrested for the assault. Purcell was also robbed of his watch.

Too late to cure a cold after consumption has fastened its deadly grip on the lungs. Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup while yet there is time.

# DR. GORDON'S LAST SERVICES.

Pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church Vacant—Impressive Remarks at the Communion Service—Large Audience Present in the Evening—Remarks by Brother Pastors.

The closing services of Rev. Dr. Gordon's pastorate, yesterday, were very impressive. There was a large attendance at the communion table, and the doctor discoursed very feelingly of the event of the Master's eating with his disciples for the last time. The doctor took occasion in his closing remarks to express the appreciation of himself and his good wife for the kindness they had received during his twelve years' pastorate, and the cordial support which had been given him by the people. They would go away from Middletown with only happy remembrances of their delightful stay here, and with friendships formed that could never be broken.

In accordance with the order of the Presbytery of Hudson, the doctor declared the pulpit vacant at the close of the day's services.

There was a crowded house at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. The doctor took his text from Corinthians, where Paul closes his second letter with these words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." He referred to the fact that he had ever borne in mind to preach to his people the pure gospel, and to implore for them the same benediction of love that Paul did for the people of Corinth.

At 8:30 five of the city pastors put in an appearance to take part in the closing service and to show their esteem for Dr. Gordon and their appreciation of him as a fellow pastor. Rev. Dr. Beattie

was the first one to speak and he was followed by Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Evans, Rev. Dr. Robinson and Rev. Mr. Norris in brief but feeling remarks. Each of the pastors was very eloquent in his remarks, and at times quite witty. They all bore testimony to the fact that there had been perfect good feeling and unity of action with them all, and that it was with regret that they parted with Dr. Gordon as a co-laborer in this field. Each closed his remarks by the wish and prayer that the Lord would be around and about him in the future as it had been in the past.

Rev. Dr. Beattie closed with prayer, the large congregation joining heartily in reciting the Lord's prayer.

The services closed with the choir singing "God be with you till we meet again."

# MONTICELLO'S GREAT ICE STORM

The Trees Still Coat d With Ice That Formed a Week ago—The Damage Not Exaggerated.

Fred W. Towner, who spent Sunday in Monticello, says that the trees along the village streets are still thickly coated with the ice that formed during the ice storm of a week ago. The warmth of the sun has melted the ice somewhat, but it is still at least a quarter of an inch in thickness, and even small twigs are encased in ice coats so thick that they are as large as bananas.

Mr. Towner brought with him a photograph of the main street of the village, which gives some faint idea of the damage done to the beautiful trees that line the street and which are torn and shattered. No picture and no description can, however, convey a full or complete impression of the terrible havoc wrought by the storm to the village's chief beauty.

Mr. Towner says that when the sun shines brightly on the ice-cased twigs the effect is dazzlingly and bewilderingly beautiful, the effect being as if every tree was bedecked with diamonds of the rarest brilliancy.

# THE CITY TAX SALE.

About Forty Properties to Be Advertised in To-night's Republican Papers.

The advertisement of the sale of properties for taxes will appear in the Republican papers of this city, this evening,—part of the list being published in the esteemed Press and part in the esteemed Times.

There are, we understand, about forty properties to be advertised and the amount of taxes and assessments due on them is about \$1,500.

City Attorney Bradner has made every possible effort to avoid resorting to extreme measures. The list of unpaid taxes was placed into his hands Dec. 1st. He has published notices to delinquents in the papers, has sent them personal notices, has given them every opportunity to avoid annoyance and expense by deferring action until this time, but the council having again ordered the sale of properties to be made, Mr. Bradner has no alternative but to obey and carry out the council's order.

# THE EXCISE MONEY BILL.

Assemblyman Schultz Says Objections to It Have Been Filed.

Assemblyman Schultz, who had been at Port Jervis to spend Sunday, returned to Albany, to-day. He informed an Argus reporter that if there were any who desire to be heard on the proposed change in the charter in regard to the excise monies they should be at the City Committee rooms in the Capitol at 2 p. m., to-morrow.

He stated that the clerk of the committee had told him that there were some objections filed and that the request for a hearing had been granted.

What's the secret of happy, vigorous health? Simply keeping the bowels, the stomach, the liver and kidneys strong and active. Burdock Blood Ditters does it.

# ENSIGN POWELSON'S TESTIMONY

The Herald Again Refers to Its Importance—Conjectures as to Its Sources of Information—The Young Officer's Habitual Betters.

The Herald's Havana correspondent again refers to Ensign Powelson's evidence before the Maine Court of Inquiry and says:

Undoubtedly the most important evidence yet taken is that of Ensign Powelson, the grave purport of which was carefully outlined in Friday's Herald. Mr. Powelson is one of the most accomplished of the younger officers of the navy, especially in the art of naval construction, to which he has given years of faithful study. His views even as a theorist would have great weight with the naval court, in the personnel of which, curiously enough, there is not a single officer who is really eminent in that branch of naval work.

So grave an impression was made on the court at this discovery that, not content with the immediate personal inspection of wreckage, which seemed to confirm all Ensign Powelson had said, the court directed him to prepare at once elaborate drawings illustrating the points made in his evidence. These drawings Mr. Powelson produced Saturday.

The Herald seems to have exclusive sources of information as to Ensign Powelson's testimony before the Court of Inquiry. None of the other papers make any special reference to him or his evidence, and among Mr. Powelson's friends in this city there is much discussion as to how the Herald's man could hear so much, and the other correspondents so little concerning what happened behind the court's closed doors. All who know Ensign Powelson are agreed that he has not "leaked." Few men, young or old, have learned more thoroughly the art of holding their tongues and keeping their own counsel.

As an evidence of his discretion it may be mentioned that although he has written several letters to his father, District Attorney Powelson, since he has been at Havana, they have been of a purely personal and private nature and have not contained a word about the probable cause of the disaster to the Maine.

# OBITUARY.

Mrs. Christian M. Herz.

Mrs. Loreta, wife of Christian H. Herz, the well known musician, died, Saturday evening, of a complication of diseases, which had their origin from the grip.

The deceased was born in Ellenville, twenty-one years ago, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Puff. She was married Jan. 13th, 1897, and had since lived at No. 3 Kernochan block.

Surviving her are her husband and two sisters and one brother, Mamie, wife of Arthur Parkins, and Lillie E., at home, and Charles H., Jr., at home.

The funeral will be private, interment being in the family plot in Hillside.

# FIFTY YEARS' PROGRESS

Brooklyn's Transportation Facilities Now and Half a Century Ago.

Something more than fifty years ago Brooklyn's population was less than sixty thousand souls—to-day there are within its confines more than a million of people. And to think that one can now take a "rand transit" car at the New York end of the bridge, and at the cost of a nickel, be whisked across that structure and landed in any part of any one of the hundreds of acres the city covers! Who! in the writer's lifetime the ferryage across the river was six pence a head, and that, too, in a boat propelled by horses.

# Escaped With \$2.25 Costs.

A young man named Leo Kistner was in court, this morning, charged by a widow with using abusive and insulting language. He admitted he had, but she withdrew the complaint and he paid \$2.25 costs and was discharged. The widow asked the reporters to keep her name out of the papers, but paid no attention to the claim for \$1.25 costs, which one of them put in.

# Mr. Blanchard Retires from the Sunday Forum.

F. L. Blanchard, who on Dec. 5th became editor and publisher of the Sunday Forum, severed his connection with that paper, Saturday, and will return to New York city.

W. T. Doty, one of the original proprietors of the paper, assumes editorial and business control.

# A False Prophet of Evil.

Prophet DeVoe had it that yesterday was to inflict upon us such another storm experience as the ever to be memorable blizzard of March, 1888. The day, instead of being a horror, was a thing of joy. May the prophet, who never predicts aught but evil, be "left" as badly, every time.

# Erie Shops on Short Time.

The Erie shops in Port Jervis were closed Saturday and to-day, as the Erie is again temporarily reducing its expenses.

# "Pete" Brown's Drunk Came in Mandy

"Pete" Brown, who was acquitted, Saturday, in Recorder's Court, of the charge of stealing chickens from W. H. Bodine, of Mill street, owed his discharge to the testimony of his wife, who made out an alibi for him by swearing that on the night the fowls were stolen "Pete" was home drunk all the afternoon and evening.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure both and pimples.

Be-True-Blue For Fifty Cents. Guaranteed Genuine Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold every where. Beware of cheap imitations.

# AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Light and Power Co.'s Big Engine—The Fire Company's Meeting—Capt. Tutthill's Fraternity—Another Box on Exhibition—A Fight to a Finish.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—The large engine built in Newburgh for the Electric Light and Power Co., has arrived at Goshen. It will be removed to the company's works by a mule team sent from Newark for that purpose. The engine weighs ten tons.

—Chas. S. Holme went Saturday to the western part of the State to purchase a carload of horses.

—Regular monthly meetings of fire companies will be held this week: Dike-man's Tuesday night, Elliotts Wednesday, Cataracts Friday.

—A number of fast horses belonging to Capt. Tutthill arrived in the village Saturday, and will be trained by Watson Sargent.

—Another boxing exhibition will be held at Palm Garden on March 17—St. Patrick's Day.

—Two Goshen stove-cutters engaged in an argument Sunday morning, concerning a subject which probably was of no importance to either of them. After discussing it, pro and con, for several hours, they adjourned to the "long-witch," in the Erie yard, and definitely settled the question according to the rules of the prize ring. It is thought that the road bed will need considerable repairing at the place where the last chapter of the story was enacted.

# HIGHLAND AVENUE COMMISSION.

The Report Co. Form d by Judge Beattie—An Allowance to Mr. Miller's Lawyer.

The report of the commissioners in the proposed extension of Highland Avenue, was confirmed by County Judge Beattie, this morning, at Goshen. W. J. Groo, J. F. Bradner, and John L. Wiggins were present. Judge Beattie gave Mr. Miller's attorney, W. J. Groo, \$50 as allowed by law, but no other attorney's bills were allowed.

The commissioners' bills will probably come before the council to-night. They are \$75 each, and the stenographer's bill is \$102.

# Want Immigrant Restricted.

A Washington dispatch says that Congressman Odell presented, Saturday, a petition from H. C. Loveland, S. B. Ralston, and other citizens of Middletown, praying for the enactment of legislation to more effectively restrict immigration and prevent the admission of illiterate paupers and criminal classes to the United States. Referred to the committee on immigration and naturalization.

# Will Have a Fine Store.

H. S. Johnson is removing his millinery goods from the G. B. Adams store to the Low building, next to the post-office. The store has been refitted, and is now one of the finest in this city.

# Reception to Dr. and Mrs. Gordon.

A reception to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon will be held tonight, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, between the hours of 7 and 10 p. m.

# Why One Marriage Was a Failure.

John McDonough, of Paterson, N. J., seeks annulment of his marriage, on the ground that his wife proposed to him at a masquerade ball while he was intoxicated.

# They Are Here.

The famous Blue B. remedies of the Joo Hing Yook series, the life study of E. Z. Brievogel: A. M. M. D. No. 1 cures Rheumatism; No. 2 cures LaGrippe; No. 3 cures a cough or cold; No. 4 cures Catarrh; No. 5 is a perfect appetizing tonic; No. 6 cures Impotence; No. 7 is the children's relief Soothing Syrup. Call for sample free. 1,000 references. John J. Chambers, druggist. Sole agent for Middletown, N. Y., 57 North street.

# Little Braves.

Old time a quarter a box "Purgers" are quitting the field in whole battalions. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 10 cents a vial are driving them out at all points. Because they act gently, more effectively, never pain, and are easy to take. Sick Headache succumbs to one dose. Sold James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

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No morphine or opium in Dr. Miller's PAIN PILLS. Cures All Pain. "One cent a dose."

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Tuesday we will open our new line of Ladies' Shirt Waists. Now, this may seem strange for a concern that is retiring from business. The facts are that months ago, before we contemplated this move, we contracted with a large shirt waist factory at Albany (to help keep them running), to make 250 dozen Shirt Waists for our stores. Now our Middletown store must sell her proportion of this lot. As our time here is short, we must make the prices low enough to sell them quick. The latest style waists, made of 36 inc English Percales, regular price would be 75c each, Our Retiring Price is 45c Each

The best Madras Sublime Shirt Waists, all new styles, made to sell for 1.25 each. Our Retiring Price is 75c Each. Other waists to go about half price. Crowds of people are taking advantage of our retiring prices.

Kid Glove and Corset bargains are simply immense. Were you in the crowd Saturday? Extra salespeople have been added to our regular force, and we are meeting the emergency best of our ability. We will add more salespeople to-day, so fill up the big store and get your share of goods at cost. The entire stock at cost.

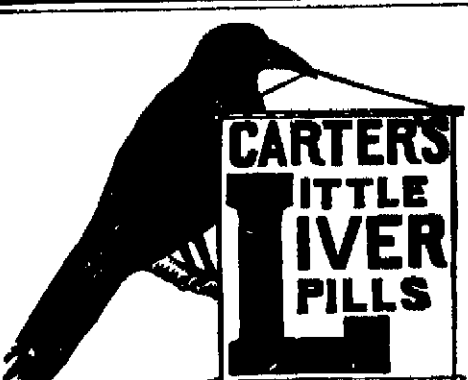
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## EX-EMPRESS EUGENIE.

Her Condition is Giving Great Anxiety to Her Friends.

Empress Eugenie is physically breaking down, and as she has no constitution to withstand a long siege of sickness her condition is such as to give anxiety to her circle of devoted friends. She suffered from severe chest troubles early in the winter and lately has been a martyr to inflammatory rheumatism. For the first time since the death of Napoleon III, she was unable to attend the memorial mass at the Riviera mausoleum, although she begged to be carried on a cot. Queen Victoria receives daily reports of her less fortunate sister's condition.

"The ex-empress was Eugenie-Marie de Guzman, countess of Teba, when she



## EX-EMPRESS EUGENIE.

(Her Days Are Rapidly Drawing to a Close.)

was seen and loved by Napoleon III. Her mother was Maria Manuela Kirkpatrick, the countess-dowager de Montijos, and Eugenie's beauty and education, both of which she got from her mother, was therefore more English than Spanish. The countess took Eugenie to the French court in 1851. The future empress was then 25 and in the full bloom of her beautiful womanhood. Napoleon, having been thwarted in his desire to wed Princess Carola, was of Sweden, turned his attention to Eugenie. When he announced his engagement his council of ministers resigned. The marriage was celebrated January 29, 1853, at Notre Dame. By degrees the new empress won the love of the people, and on the outbreak of the Franco-German war she was made regent in the absence of the emperor. After the September revolution in Paris she left the Tuileries and escaped from France. On September 9, 1870, she landed at Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, and later joined the imperial exiles at Chislehurst. Since 1870 the empress has made England her home. Many times has she visited the continent, often crossing France, and has even spent a few days in Paris without being disturbed by the authorities. Four years ago Emperor William paid her a visit during his stay at Aldershot.

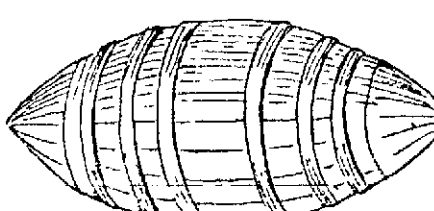
## THE POLAR DRIFT.

An Experiment from Which Great Results Are Expected.

Commodore George W. Melville, engineer in chief of the United States navy, has a theory regarding the drift of the polar current. He believes in making drift casks similar to the one shown here, casting them adrift in the currents known to exist and keeping a record of them as they come ashore.

His idea of a keg is one about two feet between heads, built of tough wood and absolutely waterproof. In 99 cases out of 100, he thinks, such a keg would slip safely away from extraordinary pressures and remain intact if it floated, as it would, on solid ice.

The kegs, the commodore states, to the number of 100, should be launched



THE DRIFT CASK.  
(It May Solve the Problem of Arctic Navigation.)

about 155 degrees longitude west, as high up as could be reached, and be put overboard 25 at a time. Then the ship could keep a westerly course, dropping kegs occasionally, as far west as 165 degrees west longitude. In four or five years, the commodore says, a search might be made for the kegs between Spitzbergen and Greenland.

Commodore Melville expects great results from this drifting experiment, and scientists all over the world will watch it with the closest interest, as success here may solve the problem of arctic explorations.

## Automobile Mail Carriers.

Perhaps the greatest stimulus which the automobile industry has received in England within the past few months is the adoption of such vehicles by the London post office as mail carriers. They have put one wagon into active use and the good results they are obtaining will probably be the means of inducing them to put several more into service very shortly. The autocar in the post office service means a practical test of the abilities of the new means of transportation, and a test which will plainly show all of the shortcomings of the horseless carriage. Other cities should follow the example of the British capital.

## Spools Made of Paper.

A new spool designed to take the place of the more expensive wood spool is composed of a strip of stiff paper coiled to form a tubular core, and extending in opposite directions to form a flattened body portion having retaining ears at the outer ends.

## Too Early.

"Was it a quiet wedding?"  
"Of course. You didn't expect they would quarrel right before the preacher, did you?"—Pearson's Weekly.



Baby doesn't always find this world an inviting place to come to. It is a world of struggle, at the best. Prospective mothers ought to make it as hopeful a world as possible for the little stranger. It is her duty at least to confer on her baby as strong and healthy a constitution as possible, by keeping her own physical and mental condition at its best during the expectant time.

The best promoter of health and cheerfulness a prospective mother can have is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It tones up the whole system and gives special strength and elastic power to the delicate organism concerned in parturition. It makes the mother stronger and brighter in body and mind; it shortens confinement, makes delivery easy and entirely free from danger; gives the mother recuperative energy and power, and promotes an abundant supply of nourishment for the child.

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The second story was partitioned into cells for the monks, the council hall being in the center. These cells remain as they were originally constructed. Each has a small jail-like window, either looking out upon the broad Matanzas river or upon the Indian village of Selory, just beyond the city gates. The partitions are of Spanish cedar, brought over from Cuba. The wood is in a good state of preservation, and is almost as durable as rock. The tiling for the floor was also brought from Spain. This picturesque red roof was supplanted in late years by one of wooden shingles. The cedar "mantelpiece" in the reception-room, on the first floor, was recently removed to admit of certain repairs, and the carpenter was surprised to see several Spanish doubloons roll out upon the flooring. A general burrowing in and around the house followed without gratifying results.

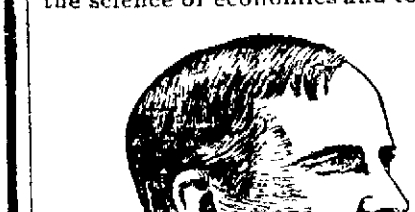
The house is situated about two blocks from the Matanzas river, and near the present United States barracks and parade ground. It was the center of military and social life during the entire Spanish occupancy. It was the only house left standing when the buccaneer, Francis Drake, sacked and burned the town. Being built of coquina, he could not burn it. Its recent purchaser, J. W. Henderson, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, is a traveler and antiquarian of note, and states that he has purchased it for a winter residence, and will preserve the ancient structure in all of its picturesque quality.

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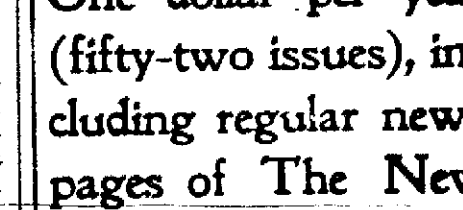
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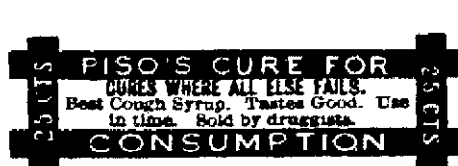
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"I would like to see one," she returned.  
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He knew then that he would have been wise had he given her the money for the new bonnet that she wanted.—Chicago Post.

**Inhuman Treatment.**  
Black—Mrs. Greene accuses her husband of cruel and inhuman treatment. Brown—That's right. It is a custom of his to get two or three of his coat buttons hanging and his vest badly soiled in front so that the women will think Mrs. Greene is to blame and talk about her awfully.—Boston Transcript.

**Getting Close to It.**  
"Every failure," they say, "is a step toward success."  
And the words made me feel cheerful-hearted.  
For I must be a million miles nearer, I guess.  
To the prize than I was when I started.

**WHY HE WAS DEJECTED.**



Holly—You seem out of spirits, old man!  
Homer—Yes—not a drop left in the house.—N. Y. Times.

**One of the Disadvantages.**  
Though "all things come to him that waits."  
It happens oft that he  
Has ceased to want them long before  
Within his reach they be.  
—Chicago Journal.

**Unjust.**  
Mr. Sparks—I have a terrible pain in my—aw—head.  
Miss Sniffers—There! I knew Sallie Mifkins had wronged you!  
Mr. Sparks—Aw, beg pardon. What did she say about me?  
Miss Sniffers—She said your head had nothing in it.—Chicago Daily News.

**She Knew Papa.**  
She—When you go to ask papa, the first thing he will do will be to accuse you of seeking my hand merely to become his son-in-law.  
He—Yes? And then—  
"And then you must agree with him. He's a lot prouder of himself than he is of me."—Indianapolis Journal.

**An Improvement.**  
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**Why He Jumped.**  
"Miss De Sweet must have said something very harsh when you were trying to whisper in her ear. I saw you jump away."  
"You are entirely mistaken. I happened to lean against her hatpin."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**After the Boom.**  
Woolsey West—Ten years ago all the land around here sold for a dollar and a quarter an acre.  
Hudson River—And what does it sell for now?

**Didn't Propose.**  
Term—So you did not propose to that dear girl last night, as you intended to. Ah, my friend, I am afraid you were not fired by the divine spark of love.  
Dick—I was fired by her father.—N. Y. Weekly.

**The Wrong Kind.**  
"The professor was in a very bad humor all the time he was conducting the examination," said one undergraduate to another.  
"Yes," replied the latter. "It was a cross examination."—N. Y. Journal.

**How He Might Do It.**  
Hammond—That clubbing policeman, I suppose, really expects to go to Heaven when he dies.  
Beans—Well, he probably expects to beat his way in.—N. Y. Journal.

**Wise Harold.**  
She—Harold, how do I look in this new dress?  
He—You look so lovely, dear, that I hadn't noticed the dress.—Chicago Tribune.

**Easily Amused.**  
Saphed—Miss Noffize, do you think Miss Giggie is laughing at me?  
Miss Noffize—I don't know, really. She often laughs at almost nothing.—Up-to-Date.

**Bank Nonsense.**  
Jack—They say it is better to be born lucky than rich.  
Tom—What nonsense! A man who is born rich is also lucky.—Town Topics.

**A Mean Insultation.**  
Cholly—Do you know Prof. Gahner who is investigating the conversation of apes?  
Molly—No. Has he been cultivating your acquaintance?—N. Y. Journal.

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## OPERA SEASON FOR MIDDLETOWN

The Andrews Opera Company Will Visit This City if the Subscription Sale Warrants Its Engagement.

Manager Corey has under advisement a plan to inaugurate the musical season by offering his patrons a fine series of opera performances by the justly celebrated Andrews Opera Company. He finds he can secure this organization for an engagement of two nights and matinee, commencing March 11th, but the management of the Andrews Company is inclined to be conservative and hesitates to place so many performances as are contemplated without some assurance from the opera loving people of the city that their patronage would be sufficiently liberal to justify it. While Mr. Corey thinks that the musically inclined people of the city will take to the opera season idea quickly and kindly, still as the plan has never been established in Middletown it is thought best to make assurance doubly sure by making an advance subscription commutation book sale of seats with special advantages to the subscribers in way of securing the best seats for the season at a much reduced price from the regular box office rate.

Manager Corey desires in case the opera season is undertaken to make the box office prices very reasonable and has decided on a scale of twenty-five, fifty, seventy-five, and one dollar. But he will offer a greater reduction from high class opera prices by offering, to subscribers only, a limited number of commutation books of four tickets each, for \$3 per book. Subscribers are to be given first choice of seats in exchange for these commutation tickets.

This price is surely nominal, when it is remembered that the Andrews Opera Company is now generally conceded to stand at the head of the standard English Opera organizations of the country, and there should be no difficulty in securing the 200 subscribers for books which are required before the opera season will be undertaken. "Martha," "Cavalleria Rusticana," and some others of the famous lyric melodies will be sung during the short season if the company is secured and lovers of music may confidently be congratulated on the rich treat in store for them, if Mr. Corey succeeds in his plans. Commutation tickets are good detached and are transferable and may be used as desired by the purchaser, all on one night or otherwise. Those who wish to help this scheme along and secure the best seats for themselves are requested to leave their names at once at H. S. Duseberry & Son's jewelry store, 7 North street, for a commutation book, as only 200 of them will be sold.

### TALKED TO GOOD TEMPLARS.

Grand Lodge Treasurer A. H. Walker Addressed Excelsior Lodge.

Excelsior Lodge of Good Templars attended service at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Sunday night. There was a large attendance of members of the order.

The principle talk of the evening was given by Grand Lodge Treasurer A. H. Walker, who spoke on the good results of membership. Cards were passed during the evening, and several applications were received.

### Fear the Effects of Spanish Powder and Shells.

The writer, business causing him to take up lodging in the borough of Brooklyn some three days of the past week, was not a little surprised at encountering a large number of men and women residents in more or less trepidation lest, in the event of war with Spain, Spanish powder and shells might send their houses tumbling about their ears. The talk about guns able to throw death-dealing and properly destroying missiles from outside of Sandy Hook into the town is responsible for these terrors.

### The Lending Attraction.

Gorton's minstrels will be in Middletown, Wednesday, March 9th, under the management of George Lee. This attraction is especially complimented by the press of New York city, where they have recently appeared, as having exceptionally fine singers and talented comedians, accomplished dancers and an extensive olio of high grade vaudeville. We are glad to welcome attractions of this nature; another feature in the special reduced prices, 20, 35 and 50 cents.

### Financial Straits of Elmira's Y. M. C. A.

Elmira's Y. M. C. A. is in a bad way. It owns a building which cost with the lot \$114,000, and is mortgaged for \$50,000, and a demand for the payment of \$10,000 has been made. Proceedings are pending for the foreclosure of \$12,000 of mechanics' liens. The building furnishes the association with headquarters, and yields a net income of \$13.55 a month. It is proposed to issue second mortgage bonds to tide over the present crisis.

### Entertained Many Friends at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Durland gave a turkey dinner to seventy-five of their friends on Saturday, Feb. 26. Middletown, Goshen, Unionville, Westtown, Edenville, Pine Island, Slate Hill, Gynard, and Brooklyn were represented.

You can never plant your trees, plants, vines, etc., too early. You can plant them too late. For best results remember this good advice. As you will see our nursery is not far from you. Our stock is first class, prices are reasonable. We allow a special discount for early orders. Consider these facts, catalogues mailed free. Address T. J. Dwyer & Son Nurseries, box 4, Cornwall, N. Y.

## READY FOR WAR.

Two Ex-Sergeants of the Regular Army are Employed in This City.

While nearly everybody is talking war, there are two young men in this city who are especially interested. They are H. L. Vernier, clerk at August Pfaff's Walkmill House, and Wm. Schumann, clerk to Jacob Gunther. Each of these perfectly set-up young men have honorable discharges from the regular army of the United States and each was a sergeant.

Schumann was in Battery M. and Vernier in Battery L., of the First Artillery, were stationed at Fort Wadsworth and each was a first class gunner, Vernier having a record of 99.53 and Schumann 92.

These young men are true blue American citizens and they would re-enlist should the unexpected happen. Their services would be especially valuable in drilling green men.

Vernier, better known as "Fred," is an expert swordsman. He fences well with a half-dozen varieties of weapons and "shoots to a pepper." His cheek shows where one sabre slashed him in one of the thirty-two duels in which he has participated, while a student in Germany. Each of these graduates of Uncle Sam's army is characterized by modesty, fine carriage, alertness and genial manners.

### REV. DR. GORDON'S RESIGNATION

Resolutions Adopted by the Session of the First Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, In the best judgment of our beloved pastor, Rev. Thomas Gordon, D. D., after a successful and useful pastorate of twelve years of this, the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, N. Y., has deemed it advisable on account of his physical condition to tender his resignation and urge its acceptance.

Resolved, 1st.—That we, the session, express to him our deep regret at his decision, regarding him as we do as one who has been so eminently useful and so greatly endeared to us all. It is with the utmost reluctance that we part as pastor and session at this time, remembering the many pleasant occasions we have met together to execute our duties pertaining to the welfare of our church with the guidance of our beloved friend and moderator.

Resolved, 2d.—That we remember him and his beloved family in our prayers before the Throne of Grace, and extend to them our kind wishes for their success and welfare in their new home, commending them to the divine care and protection of our Father in Heaven.

Resolved, 3d.—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, and also a copy be presented to our retiring pastor.

### The Men's Supper at the Universalist Parsonage.

The gentlemen's supper at the Universalist parsonage, on Thursday evening, will be served at 6:30 and thereafter. Ladies can meet their husbands, brothers and friends at their places of business and come at supper time directly to the parsonage and have a change from the usual supper at home. Adults 25 cents; children 15 cents.

### BEAVERKILL.

A Fish Hatchery at Lake Waneta—Personal and Local Notes.

—J. DeBruce Davidson is preparing to build a fish hatchery and residence by Lake Waneta which he owns. The house is intended for a boarding house for city people as well. It is conveniently situated on Walmesley Hill, near the Walmesley postoffice.

—Miss Maggie Davis left for the city on Thursday morning.

—Mrs. Alfred Bussey is over on the Delaware visiting friends.

—Jacob Bennett will build a large barn this spring.

### Dismissing Stomach Disease.

Permanently cured by the masterly power of South American Nervine Tonic, invalids need no longer be concerned that this great remedy can cure them all. It is a cure for the whole world of stomach weakness and indigestion. The cure begins with the first dose. The relief it brings is marvellous and surprising. It makes no failure; never disappoints. No matter how long you have suffered, your cure is certain under the use of this great health-giving force. Pleasant and always safe. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggists Middletown, N. Y.

### Some Foolish People.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

## 1/2 Size 1/2 Price.

The popularity of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and the great demand for a cheaper package, has been recognized by the proprietors in their new half-size bottle, costing 50 cents.

**Ayer's Cherry Pectoral**

## Cataract Cannot be Cured.

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It is prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Cataract. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

### Fully Restored.

"My daughter had no appetite and became very thin. I began giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla. After she had taken one bottle her appetite was fully restored. We are now never without Hood's in the house. It has been of great benefit to me." Mrs. F. Koehler, 141 Middleton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills.

### Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

### DO IT FOR YOURSELF.

You can tell just as well as a physician whether your kidneys are diseased or healthy. The way to do is to take a bottle or glass tumbler, and fill it with urine. If there is a sediment—a powder-like substance—at the bottom after standing a day and night, there is something wrong with the kidneys. Another sure sign of disease is a desire to urinate often, and still another sign is pain in the back. If urine stains linen, there is no doubt that the kidneys are affected.

Any and all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and of the urinary passages and constipation of the bowels are cured by Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. There is no question about its being the best and most effective medicine in the world for such troubles. It quickly relieves and cures inability to hold urine, and people, young or old, who take it are not compelled to get up a number of times during the night. For putting an end to that scalding pain experienced in passing urine, nothing is so good as Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer; is pleasant to taste, and does not seem to be medicine at all. Diseases of the kidneys and bladder often require the use of instruments to push back the sandy matter so the urine can be voided. In such cases Favorite Remedy should be taken without further delay or the disease may prove fatal. It is sold for one dollar a bottle at all drug stores. It is well worth many times its price.

### Samples Free.

If you wish to test Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy before buying it, send your full post office address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y., and mention this paper. We will then mail you a sample bottle free, as well as circulars giving full directions for its use. Every reader of the ARGUS can depend upon the genuineness of this liberal offer, and all sufferers from kidney troubles should take advantage of it at once.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

## Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Infinitely cures whooping cough, croup and measles' cough. Mothers, do not be without this unrivaled medicine in your house. 25c.

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

	Yesterday	Today
Sugar	12 1/2	12 1/2
Coffee	8 1/2	8 1/2
Chicago Grain	90 1/2	92 1/2
Nat. Lead	30 1/2	32
General Electric	32 1/2	32 1/2
U. S. L. pr. 100	61 1/2	62 1/2
Tea, Coal and Iron	20 1/2	20 1/2
U. S. S. F.	11 1/2	12
C. & O. F.	24	24 1/2
G. M. & S. F.	62 1/2	63 1/2
R. L.	80 1/2	81 1/2
D. L. & J.	92	94
C. of N. J.	14 1/2	15
Erie	109 1/2	109 1/2
D. & H.	15 1/2	15 1/2
O. & W.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Quebec & Western	31	33
P. & R.	14 1/2	15
N. W.	121	123 1/2
S. Y. C.	112 1/2	113
M. P.	26 1/2	27 1/2
Pease	10 1/2	10 1/2
O. P.	70 1/2	70 1/2
W. Union	86 1/2	87 1/2
L. & N.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Manhattan	102	103 1/2
P. M.	27	28 1/2
Wash. pr.	16 1/2	16 1/2
No. Pacific pr.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	18 1/2	18 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	3 1/2	4 1/2
South. pr.	10 1/2	10 1/2
May Week	102 1/2	104 1/2
May Corn	30 1/2	30 1/2
May Wheat	30	30 1/2
May Pork	91 1/2	91 1/2
May Lard	8 1/2	8 1/2

BERG—At No. 3 Kersechan Block, this city. Feb. 28th, '98. Loretta A., wife of Christian H. Berg, aged twenty-one years. Funeral private. Interment in family plot, Hill side Cemetery. J.

FINED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 42 West Main street, corner James. Telephone No. 3. Lady assistant. New York office 144 East 94th street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

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JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 16. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

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I. F. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer, Lady assistant. Telephone 158. Middletown, N. Y. 46 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 26 Great Jones street, New York.

## ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

COWS at Auction—I will sell March 2d, at 10 o'clock, at the yards of Edward Ayers, 20 new milkers and springers, also 3 bulls.

AUCTION—To-morrow (Tuesday), Mar. 1st, at 1 o'clock, the entire household furniture of the late John G. Poot at No. 6 Smith street. Everybody come.

TICKET NO. 2762 DRAWS PRIZE, THIS WEEK, AT GREENING'S.

WANTED for term of years, a small farm. Address FARM, General Delivery, Middletown.

TO RENT—House of six rooms, barn and hen house, large garden, \$5 per month, on a hillside. Enquire of

54 Cts. a Pound H. AND E. Granulated Sugar

TILL MARCH 5, '98. SLOAT'S CASH STORE.

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LAUNDRESS wanted at once at CHILDREN'S HOME.

FOR RENT—Flat of six rooms, modern improvements, steam heat if desired. Apply to J. H. McELROY, 157 East Main street.

AUCTION—Wednesday, March 2d, at 1 o'clock at 222 East Main street, house and lot, all modern improvements.

TO LET—House on Boyce avenue, 10 rooms and bath, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of

UNTIL the 28th of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles.

LOWER Part of house, 30 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 308 East Main street, for rent.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monahan street.

TO LET—Four rooms, first floor, 18 Sprague avenue.

FREEDOM Cooking Range, size 8, Dorchestrate with copper tank; Onoko cooking range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table, 3 feet, all cheap at the

WANTED—By women, each with an infant or young child, situations in the country (general housework, plain cooking, etc.) Small wages expected. Apply State Charities Aid Association, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York city.

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location.

FINE large Store on Main street, none other in the neighborhood, for rent from April 1st, at ridiculous low rental, suitable for any business. See

THE Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Ice Company will be held at the office of the company, Saturday, Mar. 1st, '98, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments. WEEK OF FEB. 21.

Harry C. Perkins, original Irish Napoleon and character song and dance artist; Irene Handley, Southern nightingale; Edith Perry, song and dance; Lura St. Gaudens, songstress, daz-z artist and whist player.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

Proposals for Supplies.

Proposals for supplying the Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital with meats and milk for the six months beginning April 1st and ending Sept. 30th, will be received till noon of March 10th. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Hospital.

DEWEY & MUNDY, Telephone 39. 40 North St.

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E. H. GREGORY.

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Out of town work solicited. I pay the freight one way.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. 18 West Main street. VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

## Casino Theatre

THREE NIGHTS ONLY.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 4, 5.

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